GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2206
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DEVELOPMENT EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN RAJASTHAN
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any special scheme for improvement, development and expansion of the National Highways and to provide assistance for construction of State highways in Rajasthan in view of its specific geographical conditions, bordering Pakistan and area-wise second largest State;

(b) If so, the details of highways being developed, improved and constructed and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the details of progress made for conversion of National Highway No. 8 to 6 lanes and 4 lanes and the reasons for non-completion of work within the stipulated time and as per targets despite several declarations;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints of irregularities regarding contracts for various jobs, quality, delay, tender etc. on National Highway No.8;

(e) if so, the delay thereof and the steps taken by the Government;

(f) whether the Government propose to encourage the rubber mixed coal tar technology for construction of roads in near future; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Conversion of NH8 to 6/4 lane has been targeted for completion by 2003.The details of progress made in respect of NH.8 in Rajasthan are given below:

(i) Gurgaon-Kotputli Section - 4 laning is under implementation and targeted for completion by Dec. 2000.

(ii) Kotputli-Amer Section - 4 laning was completed in 1997.

(iii) Jaipur Bypass - 4 lane bypass for Jaipur City has been planned in two phases.First phase has been taken up and is targeted for completion by Dec. 2000. The detailed engineering for second phase is in progress.

(iv) Jaipur-Kishangarh Section - This section is proposed to be upgraded to 6-lane facility through private sector participation.The bids from the prequalified bidders have been invited.

(v) Kishangarh-Udaipur Section - Detailed engineering and project preparation has been recently taken up.4-Laning of this section would be taken up on the completion of detailed project preparation.

(vi) Udaipur-Ratanpur-Ahmedabad Section - The detailed engineering and project preparation would soon be completed and 4-laning would be taken up thereafter.

(d)&(e) Some complaints regarding maintenance and repair jobs were received which has been examined and disposed of.

(f)&(g) Yes, Sir. The Government encourages use ofmodified bitumen and necessary guidelines and instructions have been issued to state Govts.